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SUBJECT: ROK SAYS "NO" TO HOSTING APDP SENIOR OFFICIALS'  
MEETING

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(C) MOFAT Deputy Director of the Human Rights and Social Affairs Division Park Yu-ri told poloff on September 5 that the ROK would "find it impossible to host" an Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP) senior officials' meeting this year (reftel). Park said the ROK appreciates the USG's initiative to promote democracy in the Asia Pacific region and wants to play an appropriate role, but cannot host a meeting at this time because of some countries' reservations about the nature of the APDP. Asked which countries had voiced reservations, Park named only Indonesia, saying Indonesia was concerned there would be too much overlap between the APDP and the Bali Democracy Forum. Park said that if another country were to host the senior officials' meeting it is likely the ROK would participate.

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